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hartford street zc news



It's that time again! The Castro Street Fair 2015 is Sunday October 4 and we NEED YOU! Hartford Street Zen Center has been selected as a neighborhood beneficiary -- which means that your time volunteering is fun*draining for your temple. From your requests HSZC will not have our own gate this year. ALL sign-ups, for many different activities, must be made with the EventBrite link:

<http://castrostreetfairvolunteer.eventbrite.com?s=43209011>

Please gather your fellow sangha members, family and friends to help us make this year's Castro Street Fair another success!

"For the Neighborhood, About the Neighborhood, By the Neighborhood"
Harvey Milk about The Castro Street Fair

We are in hopes of seeing this year's funds we earn bring us more book shelves for the expanding, amazing hszc library and possibly some added updates to the main floor.


Xiangyan verse continued:

I, Eihei humbly continue the verse of Zen Master Lingyun (Xiangyan):

From north to south,
searching for the sword with the notch on the boat,
Through the languid spring days,
how many branches did he examine?
Unexpectedly, he viewed the peach blossoms.
His eyes split open and his mind was pierced,
with nothing more to doubt.

Here is another verse of an expression of Master Xianyan:

He inadvertently swept up a pebble on an ancient bamboo



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public schedule

mondays

- * 7:00 am zazen
- * 7:40 am morning chanting service
- 6:00 pm zazen
- 6:40 pm evening chanting service
- * last monday of each month, no morning schedule



Foreword by Tenshin Reb Anderson

path.
 What was it like, first hearing
 the sound of bamboo?
 At this very time, what will you
 say?
 Although the four oceans are
 boundless,
 we add in the dew from the
 grass.
 Before eight years are over,
 an utterance is born.

Great assembly, please tell
 me, how can you discern the
 virtue of these two venerable
 ones?

After a pause Dogen said: A
*hundred thousand shards of
 mirror no longer shine.
 Flowers fallen and scattered
 never return up to the branch.*

[DŌGEN'S EXTENSIVE RECORD - A](#)
[Translation of the Eihei Kōroku - Eihei Dōgen](#)
[tr. Taigen Dan Leighton, Shohaku Okumura.](#)

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
 6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
 6:50 am zazen
 7:20 am chanting service
 7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
 6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour 7:30pm

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saturdays

6:30 am zazen
 7:10 am chanting service
 7:25 am soji
 8:30 am drop-in instruction
 9:25 am zazen
 10:15 am dharma talk
 11:00 am refreshments/social *

* if a ceremony applies it will occur
 before social time

**upcoming events:**

[dharma talks](#) @10:15am saturdays

[hszc speakers](#)

[Myō Lahey](#) - oct 3, 10 & 🍁 31 nov 7, 21, 28

[Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock](#) - TBD

[guest speakers](#)

[Ryuko, Laura Burges](#) - oct 17; [Fugan, Eugene Bush](#) - nov 14; [Ryuei, Michael McCormick](#) - dec 12

full moon ceremony - saturday, October 24 @11am - the full hunter's

moon. This full Moon is often referred to as the Full Hunter's Moon, Blood Moon, or Sanguine Moon. Native Americans named this bright moon for obvious reasons. The leaves are falling from trees, the deer are fattened, and it's time to begin storing up meat for the long winter ahead. Because the fields were traditionally reaped in late September or early October, hunters could easily see fox and other animals that come out to glean from the fallen grains. Probably because of the threat of winter looming close, the Hunter's Moon is generally accorded with special honor, historically serving as an important feast day in both Western Europe and among many Native American tribes.

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: selected Studies of Zen Master Dogen. [see our website](#) for details. So far all have been from the Dogen Shobogenzo version compiled and translated by **Kazuaki Tanahashi**.

closure & schedule changes -
last monday of each month - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#)

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

practice discussions at hszc are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock. and **Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey** please call us, approach them directly, or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.



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jeff thomas long term member, former board member and resident - oct 2015 - mountain seat ceremony

["7x7: The Big Gay To Do: 50 Ways to Do PRIDE Right - 2014](#)

16. Meditate at the Hartford Street Zen Center

Former site of the Maitri AIDS Hospice in the '90s, the Hartford Street Zen Center is a great place to come, take off your shoes, and om your way into a centered, grateful day. *57 Hartford, at 17th Street"*

words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

...There does seem to be something rather elusive about happiness. Usually if someone asks us "are you happy?" often they are referring to your life circumstance. Are you happy in your life circumstance? Sometimes they are asking about that very moment. Like if you're on

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vacation with your significant other and snuggling on the beach and one may ask the other “are you happy?” And of course what’s to say “well yes” they could be happier. So this is that kind of like happy, so it’s kind of this up-feeling, you know, kind as is immortalized in advertising with this expression you now see cropping up all over the place “life is good”, “especially if you have our product, life is good”. So that’s kind of what happy is, “Ok I see life is good, that is what happy is” but this appears to be quite evanescent, quite unstable. The vacation with the significant other could take an unexpected turn whereupon you’re not quite so ready to say you’re happy. Life circumstances could shift unpredictably underneath ones feet and then it’s hard to say life is good no matter what product we have.

So in Buddhism happy is not this big thing. Buddhism is not about how you get to happy and stay there. As you know the prominent theme in Buddha-Dharma is this notion of Dukkha which is kind of sounds like opposite of happy but actually isn’t. Dukkha is as we’ve said before is more like anxiety and on a very fundamental level. That is anxiety about this about the person because on some level were quite aware, quite deep level nonetheless were aware there is a fiction involved. A magical display; and the subtle perception that this is so and that the pieces don’t quite all fit is the source of dukkha. Unsatisfactoriness or unease... As we know though the aid of dharma practice is to allay [dukkha](#) forever and to make that great gesture available to others, to other beings...

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hszc history

Street Stories

Remembering Issan Dorsey (1931-1990)



Filmmaker Albert Kaba premiered his documentary on Issan Dorsey recently at the memorial celebration of the 25th anniversary of Issan's death. The film is warm and engaging

and gives an in-depth look at the founder of Hartford Street Zen Center and Maitri Hospice via interviews with members of our community who knew Issan personally. This includes personal experiences by sangha members, David Bullock, Bruce Boone and Henry Matallana. Albert found the experience of making this film deeply rewarding and is excited about sharing it with the Zen and larger LGBT community. The biography also includes footage from an interview with actor/Zen priest Peter Coyote, and a surprise appearance by Buckley (the cat).

The family of Hartford Street Zen Center congratulates and thanks Albert for this beautiful gift honoring our founder, Issan Dorsey, and reminding us of his deep compassion and humanity.

HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
 thursdays & fridays
 10:30am zazen
 11:00am garden socializing

meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction
 fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction
 first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm

(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction
 3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!
 second weds of each month, 7:30pm

*please contact us for rental space & events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest
 - weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events -*

find other sf bay area lgbtqqi community events [here](#) - or - [here](#)

national, worldwide & other, holidays [here](#) (*warning* some are pretty silly)



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 - Reverend Myō Lahey ---**



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